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ACTION PM-04

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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9450

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PARM, AS

SUBJ: GRUMMAN S2E AIRCRAFT

FOLLOWING REPEAT DEFNAV CANBERRA 060415Z DEC 76 SENT ACTION
CNO WASHDC INFO USDAO CANBERRA AND DEFENCE CANBERRA DEC 6:

QUOTE:

R E S T R I C T E D

SIG RTT

FOR CNO FROM CNS PERSONAL

1. AS YOU WILL BE AWARE A DISASTROUS HANGAR FIRE ON 4 DEC 76 DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR 12 S2E AIRCRAFT LEAVING RAN ASSETS OF 1 S2E.
2. APPROVAL WAS RECENTLY GIVEN BY AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO ACQUIRE 6 USED S2E AIRCRAFT FROM USN.
3. IN VIEW OF SERIOUS OPERATIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF PARA 1 ABOVE, I SHALL DEVELOP A PROPOSAL FOR AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT APPROVAL TO ACQUIRE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE 18 USED S2G AIRCRAFT IN LIEU OF THE 6 S2E IN PARA 2 AND I SHOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. THIS WOULD RESTORE FIXED WING ASW FORCE IN SHORTEST TIME AND RAN WOULD BENEFIT BY IMPROVED CAPABILITY OF G VERSUS E MODEL. IF THIS IS NOT PRACTICABLE YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SUGGEST SOME ALTERNATIVES.
4. IT IS HOPED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH SECRETARY MIDDENDORN DURING HIS VISIT LATER THIS WEEK.

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